

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 190785)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Subcode A of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), to provide for fees for solar panel projects; all under terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9 of Subcode A of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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SUBCODE "A" (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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CHAPTER 9
FEES

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SECTION A-902 BUILDING, FUEL GAS AND MECHANICAL CODE FEES

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A-902.2.1 Constructed area: The permit fee for new construction, additions, alterations and repairs shall be based on the constructed area as follows:

For new construction and additions:

500 square feet or less \$200

Greater than 500 square feet \$200 plus \$58 for each additional 100 square feet or fraction thereof above 500 square feet

Exceptions:

1. For new construction of one- or two-family dwellings:

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Each building \$1,050

2. For additions and structures accessory to existing one- and two-family dwellings:

500 square feet or less \$60

Greater than 500 square feet \$60 plus \$45 for each additional 100 square feet or fraction thereof above 500 square feet

3. For modular construction of one- and two-family dwellings pursuant to the Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Authorization Act, Act 192 of 1982, P.L. 676 (35 P.S. §§ 1656.1 – 1656.9) and the Industrialized Housing Act, Act 70 of 1972, P.L. 286 (35 P.S. §§ 1651.1 – 1651.12) respectively, the building permit fee shall be \$450 per building.

4. For construction of industrialized buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings pursuant to the Industrialized Housing Act, Act 70 of 1972, P.L. 286 (35 P.S. §§ 1651.1 - 1651.12) and related rules and regulations, the building permit fee shall be \$900 per building.

5. For initial tenant fit-out of a newly constructed building the fee shall be \$13 per 100 square feet or fraction thereof with a minimum fee of \$150.

6. *For installation of solar collection panels and related support structure per building \$200.*

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A-902.3 Construction value: The total value of the construction, when required on permit applications and when used to determine fees, shall include the value of all material, labor, engineering and/or architectural fees, and the overhead and profit cost inherent in the contract, whether or not any such items are provided at no cost.

[**Exception:** If a solar electric system or photovoltaic system is installed, construction costs shall not include the cost of any inverters or solar panels used in the installation of such system.]

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on October 31, 2019. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on November 6, 2019.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council